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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Director

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Weekly Report

More Hearings on the Stokes Bill: The House Foreign Affairs Committee apparently intends to hold its own set of hearings on the pending Stokes bill on intelligence oversight. The bill, now awaiting markup by the House Intelligence Committee, will then be referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee, probably within the next couple of weeks. Foreign Affairs plans to have at least one full Committee hearing in open session sometime in May, with the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of State among the invited witnesses. Both the majority and minority membership of Foreign Affairs want such a hearing, and the staff expects that most, if not all, of the 47 members (representing a wide political spectrum) will attend. We will keep you apprised of developments.

Senate Authorization Bill to Include Advisory Committee Provision: Acceding to our recent request, the Senate Intelligence Committee staff has informally indicated that at next week's markup, the Committee will include in its version of the FY-1989 Intelligence Authorization bill the so-called "advisory committee" provision. That provision will once again allow military retirees who serve on the Director's advisory committees created under the National Security Act of 1947 to be fully compensated for their services. Due to the time constraints involved, the Senate provision will address only the Director's advisory committees. It is possible, however, that at some later point in the legislative process the provision might be expanded to include advisory committees of the National Security Council and Federal Emergency Management Agency, the two other agencies authorized by the 1947 Act to have such committees. Meanwhile, the House Intelligence Committee staff has indicated to us that it would not oppose the provision at the Conference on the authorization bill. In fact, the Committee might agree to a floor amendment on the House bill adding the provision.

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